



President's Message

Dear OBEA Colleagues:

We trust that you're back into the swing of the new school year as we enjoy the Fall colours and adjust to cooler, shorter days. We know that you will soon be calculating and submitting midterm marks and we wish you all the best at this busy time.

After a successful Fall Conference last year, we are excited to be offering another **"Google Boot Camp" on Saturday, November 25th** at the **Civic Centre Resource Library**, – Second Floor Presentation Room, **2191 Major Mackenzie Drive West, Maple Ontario**. Our VPs-Professional Development, Amy Hargrave and Emily Marotta-Kulcsar, have spent a great deal of time and effort to organize this **Fall GOOGLE Workshop**. We look forward to seeing you on **November 25th** and encourage you to bring a colleague. This Workshop is geared to give **ALL TEACHERS, REGARDLESS OF SUBJECT AREA, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY**, the skills to incorporate the use of GOOGLE in their teaching.

Our **Annual Spring Conference will be held on April 19th and 20th, 2018** at the Airport Holiday Inn-Toronto International Airport. Apply for funding for this outstanding professional development opportunity now from your school administration and your federation. To maximize the return on your investment, we encourage you to apply to be a workshop presenter as each workshop entitles one of the presenters to a free day at the conference. Our PD team will be meeting on November 18th to assemble the schedule of workshops. I would like to express our deep gratitude to our Corporate Sponsor, Sage for their ongoing support. As a result of this support, we are able to offer an effective Professional Learning Community as well as our Professional Development Conferences and our Annual Awards Luncheon.

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for our District Councilors, Contest Chairs, PD representatives and Executive Members for all the work they do. OBEA has been a strong advocate for Business Education for over 120 years and is completely based on the efforts of its volunteers.

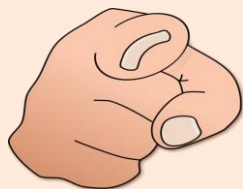
We appreciate your membership in OBEA and your passion in our shared mission to support the professional growth of business educators.

As always, we serve you, our members! Please feel free to contact us at any time with comments or suggestions. **All executive emails can be found on the OBEA website under CONTACT US.**

In closing, OBEA will continue to pursue our mandate of providing opportunities for professional development as well as a professional learning community of Business Educators for our members.

Wishing you a productive and enjoyable year.

Kevin Johnstone, OBEA President



We want you!

Share your expertise with your colleagues. Submit a workshop to present at the April 19-20 OBEA SRING 2018 Conference

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GAFE, Flubaroo, Doctopus, Goobric!
What does it all mean?
If you need help decoding Google,
this workshop might be for you!

THE ONTARIO BUSINESS EDUCATORS PRESENT:

GOOGLE BOOT CAMP

WHEN
NOVEMBER 25

WHERE

CIVIC CENTRE RESOURCE LIBRARY
2191 MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE WEST
2ND FLOOR - PRESENTATION ROOM
MAPLE, ONTARIO

COST

\$75 NON-MEMBERS

\$60 MEMBERS

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE!

9AM REGISTRATION

9:30AM GOOGLE SUITES

11:00 GOOGLE
CLASSROOM

12:30 PM LUNCH
(PROVIDED)

1:30PM ADVANCED
GOOGLE

OPEN TO ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS!

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.OBEA.CA

2017-2018 OBEA Executive

Each year, a group of dedicated and enthusiastic business educators take on the duties of your OBEA Executive.

This year's executive members are:

President	Kevin Johnstone
Past President	Mike Atkins
VP Membership	Kara Hiltz/ Amy Hargrave
VPs Professional Development	Amy Hargrave Emily Marotta Kulcsar
VP Communications	Bill Velos
Public Relations Officer	Erich Specht
Treasurer	Daniel Lustrinelli
Secretary	TBA
Contest Coordinator	DebraLee Lloyd-Graham
Ministry Liaison	Don Lawrence
Honourary President	Linda Brown



OBEA Student Contests

The annual OBEA Student Awards Luncheon was held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Select Airport Hotel in Toronto. This year, we had 54 award winners from 15 Contests. Their names and schools are posted at www.obea.ca. The Student Awards Luncheon was a memorable and celebratory afternoon for students, parents, family, and teachers. Our Keynote Speaker was Madison Post, who is the owner of Your Fired Ceramics in Richmond Hill. Her address entitled, "The Art of Business," with themes of working hard, perseverance, and passion resonated with all.

The OBEA Contests give Ontario Business Studies students an opportunity to use their competencies and skills, while being recognized for their commitment to academic excellence. The students' efforts from throughout the province were highly commendable. OBEA has a dedicated team of volunteer Contest Chairs who generously donate many hours of their time to designing Contests and evaluating students' work. Here are a few interesting points to note:



- With the exception of the Accounting Contests, all Contests now have up to five entries per school. This has changed from two entries per school.

- The online Accounting Contests, will run a practice session for students one week prior to the Contest. Visit the OBEA Website for dates. A special note of thanks to Al Samsa for completing another bank of 100 multiple-choice questions for both the Grade 11 and Grade 12 Accounting Contests, including the 20 practice questions for each level.

- All winning entries for each OBEA Contest will be verified to ensure that there is an active OBEA member in the school. Therefore, please ensure that your membership is active so that your students qualify. You can register a new or update an existing



membership online.

- Don't forget to check out the 2017-2018 Contest Handbook. Please review any Contest changes to avoid confusion for the students.

- OBEA encourages you to have your students participate in the many Contests available, and perhaps we will see you at the Awards Luncheon in the fall of 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Contest Chair or the new Contest Coordinator.

I will be taking on the role of VP-Professional Development, and Debralee Lloyd-Graham will take over as Contest Coordinator. I also wish to personally thank you for all that you do to promote Business Studies throughout the province of Ontario, and for your continuing support of both Business Studies and OBEA.



Update

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We now offer you the online solution!**

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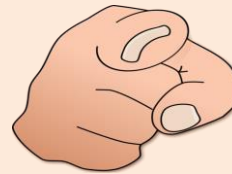
Sage One Accounting is our newest online program that is now available as part of our free education alliance program that you likely are already a member of.

I bet you are asking what you need to do to get this in your class. It's easy.

Visit <https://www.sage.com/ca/about-us/education-instructor> and apply to join the program, and from the drop-down menu **select Sage One**. Once completed, you will receive an email within 48 hours that will include a URL for your specific version of Sage One Accountants version as well some training materials and resources. 3

We would like to thank you for your continued support over the years, and look forward to providing software solutions for your class in the future.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call us at **1-800-256-8807** or email sageeducation@sage.com.



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OBEA Teacher Awards

An email will be sent shortly, asking for nominations for the following teacher awards:

- **Hillmer Award**
- **Accounting Teacher of the Year Award**
- **Award of Merit**
- **Innovative Business Teacher Award**
- **Life Membership**

Please go to the OBEA website under Teacher Awards and read the criteria for each award. Nominate a deserving colleague.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: January 31, 2018

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2017 Cathy Pitt Memorial Scholarship Winners

2017 marks OBEA's seventeenth year of scholarships open to children of OBEA members who are in good standing. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded each year, One for a member's child who is attending university and one for a member's child who is attending College. Winners are selected from valid applications received. Remember to submit an application for your son or daughter who will be attending college or university next year. This year's winners are **Mary Anne Schoenhardt** and **Sam Morency**.

Mary Anne Schoenhardt



Daughter of OBEA Member, Bill Schoenhardt, York Region District School Board, Mary Anne will be attending McMaster University in the Integrated Science program. It is a small program where all three strands of science (biology, chemistry and physics) are integrated through project based learning. Mary Anne loves dance (particularly ballet) and danced competitively throughout high school. In addition to dance and school, Mary Anne also enjoys canoe tripping, attending camp and art. She

was also very active in her high school community. Mary Anne skied with the Nordic Ski team (making it to OFSAA), ran cross country, played in the Senior Jazz band, and was a Mentor within the school. Mary Anne also played an active role in organizing and running the grade 9 orientation camp at her school in September.

Sam Morency



Son of OBEA member, Sally Morency, Ottawa Catholic District School Board, Sam is headed to Carleton University in the Fall to study Software Engineering. Sam hopes to combine this with his entrepreneurship experience to become a business leader in the high tech industry. As a student of Mother Teresa High School in Ottawa, Sam was an energetic force in Student Council, Leadership Camp, I Matter U Matter, Football Team, School Plays, and various assemblies. Sam was regularly chosen to represent the school at conferences, including We Day, Provincial Leadership

Conference, Global Vision Regional Round table, and the Canada 150 kick-off ceremony's Fire of Friendship Torch Relay. In his final year, Sam was chosen as Student Trustee for the Ottawa Catholic School Board to represent over 40,000 students. Most recently, Sam applied for and received the Ontario Summer Company Grant, purchased an ice cream bike, and successfully ran his own business, CHILL.

OBEA SPRING CONFERENCE
April 19-20, 2018
Don't Forget to Request Funds Early!



CPA Ontario is committed to providing students with opportunities to learn more about the accounting profession through High School and Post-Secondary initiatives. CPA Ontario is pleased to offer support for high school students through our High School Ambassador Program (HAP). Ambassadors enjoy access to competitions, events and resources to help guide them to achieving their academic and career goals. HAP is perfect for students interested in a career in business, finance or accounting – and it's free!

CPA Ontario also offers a Teacher Colleague Program (TCP). TCP is an opportunity for Ontario high school business and accounting teachers to stay connected with CPA Ontario throughout the school year. Teacher Colleagues enjoy classroom presentations, access to exclusive resources and educational events for their students like No Limits.

No Limits 2017 will be held at the Toronto Reference Library on November 21st. Approximately 250 students will get to learn more about the designation and network with members and students from across the GTA. This year's keynote speaker is Lisa Thompson, CPA, CA, Director of Finance and Administration, Flipp Corporation.

The cost is \$10 per student (HST included) and teachers attend for free. Each student who is registered must be a member of the High School Ambassador Program (HAP).

To learn more about these initiatives please visit cpaontario.ca/HAP and cpaontario.ca/TCP.

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors for their ongoing support of Business Studies education in Ontario.

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